

MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL

MARLBORO COUNTY CONFERENCE ROOM

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

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CHAIRMAN:	MARION WRIGHT
VICE CHAIR:	JEAN WALLACE MCLEAN
INTERIM ADMINISTRATORS:	MILES HADLEY CARY MCSWAIN
COUNTY ATTORNEY:	DONNIE MCDONALD
COUNCIL:	
JEAN MCLEAN, MICKEY ROGERS, DR. CAROLYN PRINCE, EDMOND BLUE, AND	JEFF QUICK, CORRIE H. PLATO, KEN ALLEN, MARION WRIGHT

* ABSENT

INVOCATION - Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – July 26, 2006 and August 10, 2006

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato for approval of the minutes for July 26, 2006. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince for approval of the minutes for August 10, 2006. Vote in Favor: Mr. Edmond Blue, Ms. Mickey Rogers, Mr. Jeff Quick, Mr. Ken Allen, Dr. Carolyn Prince, Ms. Corrie Plato, and Mr. Marion Wright. Abstain: Ms. Jean McLean. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION TO DESIGNATE SEPTEMBER 19, 2006 AS INDUSTRY APPRECIATION DAY IN MARLBORO COUNTY

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers designating September 19, 2006 as Industry Appreciation Day in Marlboro County. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-06-01 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MARLBORO COUNTY FY 06 COMMUNITY PRIDE GRANT AND ESTABLISHING SEPTEMBER 23, 2006 AS COMMUNITY PRIDE DAY FOR MARLBORO COUNTY.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 09-06-01 – A Resolution accepting the Marlboro County FY 06 Community Pride Grant and establishing September 23, 2006 as Community Pride Day for Marlboro County. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-06-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MARLBORO COUNTY'S ACCESSIBILITY POLICY CONCERNING CITIZEN ACCESS AND EMPLOYEES/APPLICANTS REQUEST FOR REASONABLE ACCOMODATIONS.

Mr. Cary McSwain, Interim Administrator discussed briefly – advised this is required by Pee Dee Council of Governments.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 09-06-02 – A Resolution authorizing the Marlboro County's accessibility policy concerning citizen access and employees/applicants request for reasonable accommodations. Vote in Favor: Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-06-03 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT AGREEMENT # 1596 FOR MARLBORO COUNTY/MARLBORO WATER CO., INC.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 09-06-03 – A Resolution accepting grant agreement # 1596 for Marlboro County/Marlboro Water Co., Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-06-04 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING GRANT AGREEMENT # 1606 FOR MARLBORO COUNTY/MARLBORO WATER CO., INC.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick approving Resolution # 09-06-03 – A Resolution accepting grant agreement # 1606 for Marlboro County/Marlboro Water Co., Inc. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE # 615 – AN ORDINANCE TO AFFIRM ESTABLISHING POLICY RELATIVE TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF RESERVED FIRE PROTECTION AD VALOREM TAX – FIRST READING

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to approve the first reading of Ordinance # 615 – An Ordinance to affirm establishing policy relative to the Administration of Reserved Fire Protection Ad Valorem Tax. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REQUEST APPROVAL OF CITY OF BENNETTSVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO USE THE GROUNDS AT THE MURCHISON SCHOOL BUILDING FOR THE CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2006.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Jean McLean for approval of City of Bennettsville Chamber of Commerce to use the grounds at the Murchison School Building for the Children's Festival on Saturday, October 7, 2006 contingent upon the City of Bennettsville to provide insurance coverage to accept liability during the event. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REQUEST PERMISSION TO TRANSFER FUNDS RECEIVED BY MARLBORO COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT FOR SALE OF UNCLAIMED PROPERTY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,581.00 TO LINE ITEM # 05637 IN THE SHERIFF'S BUDGET TO USE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PURCHASING EQUIPMENT.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato to approve the request to transfer funds received by Marlboro County Sheriff's Department for sale of unclaimed property in the amount of \$3,581.00 to line item # 05637 in the Sheriff's Budget to use for the purpose of purchasing equipment. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REQUEST APPROPRIATION OF \$15,000 TO SHERIFF BUDGET FROM REVENUE RECEIVED FROM RENEWAL OF PAY PHONES AT DETENTION CENTER. ALSO REQUEST PERMISSION TO PURCHASE METAL BUILDING (30 X 40 FT.) FOR THE STORAGE OF SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT AND EXTENDING PAY-TEL INMATE PHONE SERVICES FOR TWO YEARS.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers approving the appropriation of \$15,000 to Sheriff Budget from Revenue received from renewal of pay phones at Detention Center and approval to purchase metal building (30 x 40) after bidding out per County Policy for the storage of Sheriff's Department Equipment and Extending Pay-Tel Inmate Phone Services for two year. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION # 09-06-05 – A RESOLUTION BY MARLBORO COUNTY COUNCIL RECOGNIZING VIOLA DEAS WISE.

Motion made by Dr. Carolyn Prince, seconded by Ms. Corrie Plato approving Resolution # 09-06-05 – A Resolution by Marlboro County Council recognizing Viola Deas Wise. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF BIDS

APPROVAL OF BID FOR ROOFING REPAIRS TO THE PLAZA BUILDING

Bids submitted were: Baker Roofing - \$29,360.00, Coastal Commercial Roofing Co. Inc. - \$24,627.22, and Centimark Roofing - \$33,414.00. Staff recommended Coastal Commercial Roofing Co., Inc.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to approve the bid from Coastal Commercial Roofing Co., Inc. in the amount of \$24,627.22. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, Seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to appoint Ms. Pamela Williams to the Trinity Behavioral Care Board. Vote in Favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Corrie Plato – passed out a report on the latest Pee Dee COG meeting. She stated that when she was appointed to the board, Council members never requested reports.

Mr. Jeff Quick – advised the Recreation Department would hold a Football and Soccer Jamboree Saturday, September 16th with Football at Carroll Field and Soccer behind the Administration Building beginning at 9 am. All Council Members were invited.

ADMINISTRATIVE/FINANCIAL REPORT – CARY MCSWAIN, INTERIM COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

NAACP – copy of Invitation to Attend 28th Annual Freedom Fund Banquet disbursed prior to Meeting. Mr. McSwain requested direction from Council.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, second Mr. Jeff Quick to follow guidelines as previous years. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Bennettsville Festival – request from Mr. Ken Harmon, Bennettsville Downtown Development Association to use Courthouse Square and Parking lot behind the Administration Building for their “Celebrate Bennettsville” festival on October 7, 2006. The request was to use the paved area in front of the fountain for a radio broadcast and also to place one or two classic cars for display.

Motion made by Ms. Jean McLean, second Mr. Ken Allen approve the request from Mr. Ken Harmon, Bennettsville Downtown Development Association to use the Courthouse Square and Parking Lot behind the Administration Building for their “Celebrate Bennettsville” Festival on October 7, 2006 with the approval of using the paved area in front of the fountain for a radio broadcast, but, denying the request to place vehicles in this area. Must place any vehicles on the City Sidewalk. This approval is contingent upon the Bennettsville Downtown Development Association providing Insurance Coverage accepting liability during the event. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Courthouse Painting – a request has been received by the Administrator from an Artist offering to paint a portrait of the Courthouse for approximately \$700-\$800. Council advised they may wish to consider for a later date.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Dr. Carolyn Prince to wait until a future date for consideration of the Artist request offering to paint a portrait of the Courthouse. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

SCAC County Coalition Meeting – advised the SCAC County Coalition Meeting in Columbia has been scheduled for October 20, 2006. Mr. McSwain requested Council Members advise Ms. Susan Rivers, Clerk to Council if they plan to attend. The following Council Members advised they planned to attend: Ms. Jean McLean, Dr. Carolyn Prince, and Ms. Mickey Rogers.

Courthouse Street Closure - advised by the City of Bennettsville the street behind the Courthouse will be closed for approximately one week for repairs to drainage pipes beginning September 25, 2006. All Department Heads, etc. at Courthouse have been advised of parking in City Parking Lot off of Marlboro Street and parking behind the Administration Building.

Vending on Courthouse Grounds – the Administrator has received a request for a possible New York Style vending business on the Courthouse grounds. Mr. McSwain recommended denying this request and referring to the City. All Council members were in agreement.

Innovation Groups Membership – the Administrator advised the training session for Marlboro County is scheduled for Friday, October 22nd at 10 am in the conference room at Marlboro County Economic Development Office. All Council members were invited to attend.

Delta – trying to help Delta to complete their sale, close to final amount of dollars owed to County.

Wireless Mesh for Bennettsville - presented as part of Economic Developments Strategic Plans – has already been made as part of a grant plan. Working with City of Bennettsville, Marlboro County and CDC. Council suggested including NETC. All Council members were agreeable.

Annual Audit – is currently underway. A Trial Balance has been requested.

Courthouse Landscaping Grant – an extension of the time and amount for the Landscaping grant was requested and approved – expect \$16,000 to close the grant.

Plaza Building – transfer of the deed to the Community Development Corporation (CDC) has been completed.

Ambulance Franchise – the Administrator is still working on the Ambulance Franchise along with Mr. Jeff Boan, Captain of Marlboro Rescue.

Finance Report – Unencumbered funds were at 83% with General Fund Balance looking good.

RECOGNITION OF CITIZENS' REQUEST TO SPEAK

Representative Douglas Jennings was recognized. Representative Jennings advised he wished to address Council on three (3) issues: (1) he wished to thank Cary McSwain and Miles Hadley for the professionalism and courtesy extended to the Delegation and for keeping the lines of communication open. (2) He advised that the decisions made within the next six months concerning I-73 will affect our County permanently. A meeting has been set for October 3rd at the Economic Development Conference Room where the DOT project Manager will brief Council and the Partnership Board on the possible routes. (Mr. Jeff Quick requested a copy of the map showing the possible routes be put up for public display). (3) Representative Jennings advised he wanted to discuss the status of the National Guard Armory with Council – he believed there may be a breakdown in communications. He advised the Field Artillery unit stationed in Bennettsville has approximately eighty-five (85) members with a determined impact of \$5,000.000 to Marlboro County. He advised it is the Adjutant General and Delegations wishes to keep the Armory in Marlboro County, however, with the getting away from field artillery and budget considerations, it is a possibility the unit will be combined with another unit. If this happens because of statute the Armory will become “surplus property”. At this time the Budget and Control Board can vote to allow the Delegation to convey the property to any local government body. **If this happens, Representative Jennings stated that he would work with Marlboro County to transfer the title of the National Guard Armory to Marlboro County.** However, the decision may linger through next year. Representative Jennings thanked Council for working with him.

RECOGNITION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Ms. Jean McLean passed out an article written in the Cheraw Chronicle on “Camp Turning Point”. She stated it is a good program for children.

Mr. Marion Wright advised the Library Design and Finance Committees will meet September 27th at the proposed Library Site at 4 pm and then meet in the Murchison Auditorium after surveying the layout. All Council members were invited.

He advised Ms. Jennie Williams, Pee Dee Land Trust will do a ETV program on the Pee Dee River.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Quick, seconded by Ms. Mickey Rogers to enter into Executive Session to discuss three issues: Personnel Matter – to review the

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applications for the Administrator's position, a legal issue, and an Economic Development Contract matter. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Ken Allen, seconded by Mr. Jeff Quick to leave Executive Session and reenter open session. Vote in favor. Unanimous. Motion Carried.

Mr. Marion Wright, Chairman advised no decisions had been made, no votes had been taken.

ADJOURNMENT

There was no further discussion. The meeting was adjourned.

The minutes were adopted October 12, 2006

Susan E. Rivers, Clerk to Council